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Using real history in the classroom

***Free workshop October 20 will help teachers identify original
Lincoln-era materials and use them as learning tools***

SPRINGFIELD – Nothing helps students learn about history better than history itself.

Educators are invited to a free one-day workshop on Wednesday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield, Illinois to learn about identifying original Lincoln-era materials and using them in the classroom. ALPLM staff and historians will present various examples and methods of identifying these primary sources and how to use them as learning tools.

Participants will examine and discuss original items from the ALPLM's manuscript, newspaper and microfilm holdings, and the benefits and potential pitfalls of using oral history as primary source material. They will also examine period political cartoons to identify common elements and characteristics found in Lincoln's time that are still on today's editorial pages.

Educators can receive six hours of Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) from the Illinois State Board of Education for participating in the October 20 workshop.

To register for the free October 20 session, contact Carol Manning at (217) 558-8929 or carol.manning@illinois.gov.

The ALPLM contains more than 13 million historical artifacts and documents about all aspects of Illinois history, including a 52,000-item Abraham Lincoln collection. For more information, visit www.presidentlincoln.org.

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